(e) The total number of applications for appointments received by each of the officers having powers of appointment in each year during the last 10 years and their classification by (1) sub-castes (2) Cochinites or non-Cochinites?

For the purpose of this question, sub-caste may be classified according to its classification adopted for Census purposes.

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The Civil List contains over 600 appointments on Rs. 50 and above, and the Land Revenue Department alone has 755 hands drawing Rs. 12 and less. In view of this, the information asked for under a variety of heads with reference to the whole State service necessitates such a laborious undertaking that the Government are not disposed to pursue. Moreover, no useful public purpose is, in the opinion of the Government, served by the information called for.

Rule regarding the appointment of Cochinites.

465. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Was there a rule during the administration of Rao Bahadur Mr. P. Narayana Menon that preference should be given to Cochinites in the matter of appointment?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of non-Cochinites entertained in the State service during the last 10 years and the special reasons, if any, for entertaining each of them?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—(a) The following is the rule on the subject:—

"All Heads of Departments and other officers empowered to appoint their subordinates are requested to see that, without the special sanction of the Diwan, no one whose father or mother is not a Cochin born subject or who has not landed interest in the Cochin State is newly appointed to any place or is confirmed in an acting appointment when he or she holds no substantive appointment in the State."

(b) At this distance of time, no complete information can be given. A statement containing the information available is appended (*Vide Appendix VI*).

The appointment of relatives.

466. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the relations of those who held the powers of appointment, who were entertained in the State service during the last ten years and the special reasons, if any, for preferring them?

(Relationship should include the relations of the wives of those who held the powers of appointments).

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Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—Appointments of relatives are governed by S. O. No. 12. There are no instances to the point.

The amin of the Vadakkancheri Munsiff's Court.

467. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state.

(a) Whether Mannattazhet Ammunni Menon, an amin of the Vadakkancheri Munsiff's Court, was fined one rupee by the District Judge of Trichur for not properly accounting a sum of Rs. 3 in connection with an attachment in O. S. 686/99 of the Vadakkancheri Munsiff's Court;

(b) Whether the Chief Court of Cochin, finding that the punishment was too lenient, sent back the file of the District Judge for enhancing the punishment; Who were the Judges who recommended this course;

(c) Whether, when on this recommendation the District Judge suspended the amin for three months, on appeal by the amin, the Chief Court kept the suspension order in abeyance and subsequently cancelled not only the suspension but even the fine, and whether he was reinstated without any punishment for this offence?

(d) Who were the Judges who took part in the deliberations of this matter on the last occasion?

(e) When was the appeal of the amin received in the Chief Court and when was it disposed of?

(f) When was the permanent Chief Justice absent on the last occasion to join duty after leave?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. Chief Judge, Mr. P. I. Varugis, Puisne Judges, Messrs. P. Narayana Menon and T. M. Krishna Menon.

(c) The answer is in the affirmative.

(d) Acting Chief Judge, Mr. P. Narayana Menon and acting Puisne Judge, Mr. Joseph Thaliath.

(e) The petition for keeping the suspension order in abeyance was received on 1—4—1101, and the appeal through the proper channel for re-consideration of the punishment orders was received on 6—4—1101. The appeal was disposed of on 29—4—1101.

(f) The permanent Chief Judge was on privilege leave from 1—4—1101 to 7—5—1101 (both days inclusive).

The term of office of the present Diwan.

468. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state when the term of office of the present Diwan is to expire?

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